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DISTRICTS 6 AND 8 DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY EXTENSION

Wrangell. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the drift gillnet fishery in Districts 6 and 8 will be extended for an additional **24 hours** and will close at **12:00 noon, Thursday, July 4**.

District 6: will be extended for 24 hours and will close at 12:00 noon, Thursday, July 4, with the following restriction:

<u>Section 6-D</u>: will be closed north and east of a line from Mariposa Rock Buoy to the northernmost tip of Point Harrington, to a point on Etolin Island at 56°09.60′ N. latitude, 132°42.70′ W. longitude, to the southernmost tip of Point Stanhope and south of a line from Point Stanhope to Luck Point.

District 8: will be extended for 24 hours and will close at 12:00 noon, Thursday, July 4, with the following restrictions:

<u>Beacon Point/Point Frederick Area</u>: waters of Frederick Sound will be closed west of a line from the District 10 boundary one nautical mile off the Kupreanof Island shoreline to Sukoi Island Light to Point Frederick;

<u>Stikine River</u>: waters off the Stikine River will be closed north and west of a line from Babbler Point to Hour Point along the shore of Wrangell Island to Point Highfield to the southern end of Liesnoi Island to the southern end of Greys Island to the small island near the eastern entrance of Blind Slough to the nearest point of Mitkof Island, and south and east of a line from the prominent point of Mitkof Island nearest Coney Island to the northern end of Coney Island to a point 500 yards north of Jap Creek on the mainland shore.

Fishermen and tenders are asked to keep king salmon harvested in the Anita Bay THA separate from those harvested in District 8. Separating these harvests will greatly assist in fish accounting purposes in regards to the Pacific Salmon Treaty.

This announcement was made on the fishing grounds via VHF radio at approximately 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 3.

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